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C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 2703

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SHUM, PINT, IN, NP, US  
SUBJECT: G.P. KOIRALA CALL AT EMBASSY

REF: A. STATE 31573 B. DELHI 2539

1. EMBOFF O'CONNELL MET WITH G.. KOIRALA AND PRAKASH  
KOIRALA (B.P. KOIRALA'S SON) FEBRUARY 18 TO RECEIVE  
LETTER FROM J.P. NARAYAN TO AMBASSADOR GOHEEN. SUBSTANTIVE  
TEXT OF LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 16 FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: WE ARE ALL DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT MR.  
KOIRALA'S DETERIORATING HEALTH. IT APPEARS FROM TODAY'S  
NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT THE NEPAL GOVERNMENT, ISNTEAD OF  
RELEASING HIM AND SENDING HIM TO THE UNITED STATES FOR  
TRATMENT, IS PROCEEDING WITH HIS TRIAL. THIS IS REALLY  
STRANGE, IN VIEW OF YOUR TELEPHONIC MESSAGE TO ME ABOUT  
A WEEK BACK THAT MR. KOIRALA MIGHT BE RELEASED SHORTLY.  
I WOULD BE VERY HAPPY AND GRATEFUL IF YOU CONTACT  
PRESIDENT CARTER, IF NECESSARY,AND APPRISE HIM OF THE  
PRESENT SITUATION, SO THAT HE MAY KINDLY DO SOMETHING TO  
SECURE MR. KOIRALA'S RELEASE BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE. END QUOTE.

2. THE KOIRALAS TOLD O'CONNELL THT B. P.'S HEALTH IS  
VERY BAD. THEY CLAIM TO HAVE AHD A "SECRET MESSAGE" FROM THE  
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SENIOR ROYAL PHYSICIAN IN ATTENDANCE THAT B.P. IS LIKELY  
TO HAVE A STROKE AT ANY TIME AND THAT HIS SECOND OPERATION  
IS NECESSARY. THEY SAID THAT HIS CONTRADICTED PUBLICED  
REPORTS THAT THE PHYSICIANS HAD SAID KOIRALA'S HEALTH  
WAS NOT BAD NOW. PRAKASH NARAYAN ALSO SAID THAT HIS  
"AUNTIE" HAD SEEN B.P. YESTERDAY AND THAT HE LOOKED VERY  
BAD. THEY ALSO SAID THAT THEY THOUGHT THAT IF PRESIDENT CARTER

ASKED THE KING TO RELEASE B.P., HE WOULD DO SO. G.P. KOIRALA  
SAID THAT HE WAS RETURNING TO PATNA MONDAY NIGHT FEBRUARY  
20 AND ASKED WHAT MESSAGE HE SHOULD TAKE BACK TO J.P.  
NARAYAN.

3. O'CONNELL SAID THAT THE LETTER AND CONVERSATION WOULD  
BE REPORTED TO THE AMBASSADOR. SHE ALSO SAID THAT SHE  
THOUGHT THAT THERE HAD BEEN A MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE  
AMBASSADOR'S TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH J.P. AND THAT THE  
AMBASSADOR HAD NOT INTENDED TO CONVEY THAT WE HAD INFORMATION  
THAT BMP. MIGHT BE RELEASED SHORTLY. (AMBASSADOR CAREFULLY  
PASSED TO J.P. ONLY THE CONTENTS OF STATE 31573  
AND NOTHING MORE.) FYI: THE WEEKLY CURRENT OF FEBRUARY 17 CARRIED  
A BRIEF REPORT ALONG LINES OF J.P. 'S LETTER TO THE AMBASSADOR  
AND SAID THAT B.P. WAS GOING TO BE RELEASED SOON  
AS A RESULT OF A TELEPHONE CALL FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO KING  
BIRENDRA. END FYI.

4. UNLESS DEPARTMENT HAS OTHER VIEWS, WE INTEND TO HAVE  
O'CONNEL TELEPHONE G.. KOIRALA ON MONDAY AND INFORM HIM  
THAT THE AMBASSADOR IS FORWARDING THE CONTENTS OF J.P. 'S  
LETTER TO WASHINGTON. SHE WILL ALSO REPEAT THAT THERE HAS  
BEEN A MISUNDERSTANDING IN PATNA ABOUT THE AMBASSADOR'S TELEPHONE  
CONVERSATION WITH J.P.  
GOHEEN

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